



IDAHO POTATOES

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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.90 million cwt of 2005 crop raw potatoes during April, down 3 percent from last year. For the 2005 crop, processors have used a total of 57.1 million cwt to May 1, down 2 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 50.6 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 6.54 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 150 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 2 percent from a year ago and 3 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 30.8 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year and 11 percent below the same date in 2004.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, SELECTED STATES, 2004 AND 2005 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
Idaho & Malheur Co, OR All Potatoes	2004-05	10,470	17,390	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005-06	8,370	15,740	22,590	28,960	35,570	42,800	50,220	57,120		
IDAHO Potatoes	2004-05	8,300	14,880	21,060	26,850	32,430	39,630	45,330	51,800	59,230	75,710
	2005-06	5,540	11,780	18,010	24,160	30,490	37,480	44,490	50,580		
Maine 2/	2004-05			1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005-06			1,290	1,805	2,405	3,015	3,740	4,400		
Wash. & Other Area, OR	2004-05	17,970	24,990	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005-06	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855		
Other States 3/ 4/	2004-05			12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005-06			11,820	15,030	17,980	21,230	24,080	26,990		
TOTAL 4/	2004-05			70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005-06			66,010	81,690	96,500	115,335	133,360	150,365		
DEHYDRATED 4/ 5/	2004-05			14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005-06			12,180	15,920	19,515	23,210	27,205	30,825		

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. 4/ April revised. 5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

IDAHO POTATO STOCKS DOWN 22 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on May 1 totaled 30.0 million cwt, 8.50 million cwt less than on hand May 1, 2005. Disappearance, at 87.0 million cwt, is down from last year's 93.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 1.60 million cwt, down from last year's revised 2.20 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 28.4 million cwt, were 7.90 million cwt less than the amount stored on May 1, 2005.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 73.0 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2006, down 17 percent from last year and 14 percent below May 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 20 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, down 2 percentage points from last year. Disappearance of 300 million cwt of potatoes is down 4 percent from last year for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 23.2 million cwt so far this season, is down 21 percent from last year for comparable States.

Comparisons by region will not be made in this narrative to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Comparisons for individual States are as follows. Idaho's potato stocks are down 22 percent from last year, while Maine's sheds held 8 percent less than last year, and Colorado's stocks dropped 28 percent from last season. Stocks in Wisconsin decreased 3 percent from 2005. North Dakota's potato stocks dropped 61 percent from last year, while Minnesota's stocks are 47 percent below last year, and California's potato sheds held 20 percent less than in 2005. Montana, Nebraska, and New York's potato stocks combined decreased 18 percent from last year. Michigan potato stocks are unchanged from the same date in 2005. Washington and Oregon are the only States where potato stocks have increased from the same date in 2005, with stocks up 10 percent and 28 percent, respectively.

FALL POTATOES PRODUCTION & STOCKS 2000-2005 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES 1/, 2/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
IDAHO	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>							
2000	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	120,200	87,500	78,000	68,000	58,000	45,000	32,500	18,500
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
2003	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	116,975	84,000	74,500	65,000	55,000	42,500	30,000	
15 States 1/								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 2/	372,581	251,800	218,900	187,600	153,700	113,900	72,950	

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ 13 states for 2005.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON MAY 1, 2005 AND MAY 1, 2006 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004			CROP 2005		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2005 2/	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2006 2/	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,648	500	14	3,240	400	12
Colorado	23,791	6,000	25	22,292	4,300	19
Idaho	131,970	38,500	29	116,975	30,000	26
Maine	19,065	5,000	26	15,736	4,600	29
Michigan	13,650	900	7	13,920	900	6
Minnesota	18,920	5,100	27	17,630	2,700	15
Montana	3,551	500	14	3,434		
Nebraska	9,288			8,245	1,200	15
New York	5,184			5,226		
N. Dakota	26,765	7,200	27	20,500	2,800	14
Ohio 3/	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	3,900	20	22,023	5,000	23
Pennsylvania 3/	2,640					
Washington	93,810	15,500	17	95,480	17,000	18
Wisconsin	30,450	3,800	12	27,880	3,700	13
Other States		1,650			350	
15 STATES 4/	403,587	88,550	22	372,581	72,950	20

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States". 3/ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005. 4/ 13 States for the 2005 crop.